

## DON'T LET 'EM KNOCK YOUR BLOCK OFF!

WANT TO KNOW THE BEST CRIME PREVENTION DEVICE EVER INVENTED?

A GOOD NEIGHBOR!

- Law enforcement officers can't be everywhere at once, but you and your neighbors can. You're the ones who really know what's going on in the neighborhood.
- Put that neighborhood know-how to work. It's simple - just use your eyes and ears - and then your telephone. If you spot something suspicious, call the police or sheriff immediately.
- Don't try to stop a criminal yourself - it can be dangerous.
- Neighbors working together in cooperation with law enforcement make one of the best crime fighting teams around.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO START YOUR OWN  
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP

Contact the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator at  
(650) 903-6161 ext. 1167 or E-mail at  
[neighborhood.watch@mountainview.gov](mailto:neighborhood.watch@mountainview.gov)



### WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

We invite you to join the partnership. You can become a Reserve Police Officer, join a Community Neighborhood Watch Group, attend the Citizen's Police Academy, become a Police Volunteer, participate in a citizen ride-along or just communicate your concerns and ideas to our Officers.

*Together, we can make a difference!*

For more information contact:

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INFORMATION UNIT

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MOUNTAIN VIEW POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Mountain View Police Department offers free, home and commercial security inspections. The inspections involve a highly trained Department member going out to your residence or place of business and identifying security concerns. You will be provided with a printed report of the inspector's finding at the conclusion of the inspection. To schedule an inspection call (650) 903-6357.

### **THE FACTS ABOUT BURGLARY...**

- More than six million residential burglaries occur every year in this country. That's one every ten seconds!
- Nearly half of these burglaries are committed without force - that is, through UNLOCKED doors and windows.

### **MOST OF THESE BURGLARIES COULD BE PREVENTED.**

- Always lock your doors and windows even when leaving for "just a minute".
- Never leave a hour key available; under a doormat, in a flower pot, on the ledge of the door. These are the first places a burglar will look.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE LIFE EVEN HARDER FOR CROOKS -

REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING TIPS:

### **CHECK YOUR LOCKS**

- Exterior doors should have "dead bolt" locks with a one inch strong metal bolt extending into the door frame.
- Sliding doors and windows should all have key locks in their tracks.
- Garage doors should be locks with slide bolts.
- For more information on locks, contact your local law enforcement agency or write for the Attorney General's Home Safety Handbook.

### **GOING OUT?**

- Lock all doors and windows.
- Use timers so that lights, radio, TV, go on and off throughout the house to give an impression that someone is home.
- For longer trips be sure to stop mail and newspaper delivery or have a neighbor collect them daily.
- In short - make your home look "lived in".

REMEMBER, IF YOU COME HOME AND SEE A BROKEN WINDOW OR A JIMMIED DOOR, DON'T GO IN. CONFRONTING A BURGLAR CAN BE DANGEROUS. PHONE THE POLICE IMMEDIATELY.

### **OTHER TIPS**

- Install a wide angle lens viewer in the front door. Never open the door without knowing who is there.
- Consider alarm systems or trained security dogs for additional protection.
- Whenever you move to a new home, have the locks changed.

### **OPERATION I.D.**

ANOTHER DETERRENT TO "WOULD BE" BURGLARS IS OPERATION IDENTIFICATION.

- Mark your valuables with your California Driver's License Number preceded by the letters "CA".
- Post Operation I.D. stickers on your doors and windows to warn housebreakers to stay away.
- Burglars don't want marked merchandise because it is too difficult to fence and evidence of guilt if they are caught.
- So mark your items as conspicuously as possible without defacing them.
- Photograph those items that cannot be engrave (jewelry, silverware, antiques).
- Operation I.D. also facilitates the return of stolen property when it is recovered.

